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SUBJECT: RESETTLEMENT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR CARDENAS ON ANOTHER SUBJECT MAY 7, DEPTOFF RAISED MATTER OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT, NOTING APRIL 28 CONVERSATION IN QUITO BETWEEN CHARGE AND FONOFF SUBSECRETARY VALDEZ. AMBASSADOR CARDENAS HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF EARLIER TALK, BUT HE REACTED QUITE POSITIVELY TO DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEM AND SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE MATTER UP WITH FOREIGN MINISTER LUCIO PAREDES, WHO ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY FOR OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING WHICH BEGINS TOMORROW.

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2. AMBASSADOR CARDENAS NOTED IN PASSING THAT HE KNEW VIETNAMESE TO BE HARDWORKING AND INTELLIGENT PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE VALUABLE ADDITIONS TO HIS COUNTRY. HE SUGGESTED AS A POSSIBLE VEHICLE FOR RESETTLEMENT A PROJECT IN WHICH THE GOE WOULD PROVIDE LAND TO A CROSS-SECTION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, INCLUDING PEOPLE TRAINED IN AGRICULTURE, HEALTH CARE AND OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND TRADESMEN SO THAT A COMMUNITY COULD BE DEVELOPED.

3. WE HOPE TO HAVE SOME INDICATION OF FOREIGN MINISTER LUCIO PAREDES' THOUGHTS ON THIS SUBJECT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. AT THAT TIME, THE DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE OTHER INSTRUCTIONS TO THE POST, AS APPROPRIATE. KISSINGER

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